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packets of the plurality of subscriber channels that are to be sent to the internet are combined onto a single channel.

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**Please replace page 3, second paragraph, with the following paragraphs:**

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The invention also provides a telecommunications system having subscriber channels over which data are transmitted in packet form, and a switching facility having crosspoints, wherein each crosspoint is capable of switching one of the subscriber channels to an outgoing channel. Further, at least one concentrator is provided, which combines packets of two or more subscriber channels that are to be sent to the internet onto at least one concentrating channel that leads to the switching facility. Therein, the concentrator is switched via a switching path and the number of concentrating channels is less than the number of subscriber channels.

According to another formulation of the claimed invention, a concentrator is provided, which has at least one device for concentrating data incoming on two or more B channels in a single, outgoing channel.

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